

Take Advantage of Azure: The Best Choice for Your Windows Server and SQL Server Workloads

Learn how Azure improves security, reduces costs, and facilitates hybrid cloud management.



Unmatched security

Protect your workloads with Microsoft expertise

Microsoft has more than 3,500 cybersecurity professionals and spends \$1 billion annually on security to help protect, detect, and respond to threats. Leverage the cloud and intelligence developed from decades of Microsoft security experience.

Streamline security management

Use [Azure Security Center](#) to manage security across your Azure, hybrid, and multi-cloud environments from a single, centralized hub for robust defense-in-depth.

- Extend** security beyond Azure to on-premises virtual machines.
- Safeguard** Windows servers with Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection.
- Protect** servers against the most common cloud security threats.
- Block** malicious apps with adaptive application controls.

Microsoft Intelligent Security Graph

Advanced analytics link massive amounts of threat intelligence and security data from Microsoft services and our broad partner ecosystem to provide you unparalleled threat protection and detection, as well as guidance on best practices.

6.5 trillion signals collected daily

470 billion emails analyzed per month

5 billion threats blocked per month

Azure Sentinel

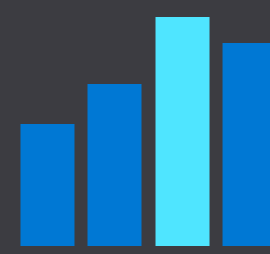
See and stop threats before they cause harm, with security information and event management (SIEM) reinvented for a modern world.

Collect data at cloud scale—across all assets on-premises and in multiple clouds.

Detect previously uncovered threats and minimize false positives.

Investigate threats with AI and hunt suspicious activities at scale.

Respond to incidents rapidly with built-in orchestration and automation.



More cloud, less cost

Save when you migrate to Azure

Azure is the most cost-effective cloud for Windows Server and SQL Server. Reduce total cost of ownership as you move to Azure using our unique offers and optimized infrastructure.



5X
AWS is 5 times more expensive than Azure for Windows Server and SQL Server.
[Learn more](#)

Save with your existing license

Using [Azure Hybrid Benefit](#), bring your Windows Server and SQL Server on-premises licenses with Software Assurance to Azure. Apply savings across Azure Virtual Machines, Azure SQL Database PaaS services, and Azure Dedicated Host.

Receive free extended security updates when you migrate your Windows Server and SQL Server 2008 and 2008 R2 workloads to Azure virtual machines.

Reserve upfront and pay less

Reserve virtual machines in advance and reduce costs up to 72 percent compared to pay-as-you-go pricing for select Azure services.

- Exchange Azure Reserved Instances across any region and any series as your workload or application needs change.
- Cancel an Azure Reserved Instance at any time and return the remaining months of a reserved instance back to Microsoft—up to the yearly limit—for an early termination fee.



Built-in hybrid capabilities

The only cloud with end-to-end hybrid infrastructure

Azure was designed and built to natively support hybrid environments from its inception. Run Windows Server and SQL Server workloads seamlessly across your hybrid environments.

Innovate anywhere

Azure provides the flexibility to innovate anywhere in your hybrid environment while operating seamlessly and securely.

- Deploy and manage** Azure data services on Kubernetes clusters—across on-premises and the cloud.
- Seamlessly** govern and manage on-premises and cloud resources from a single control plane.
- Build** applications using any language or platform and deploy them to any location in your environment.

Windows Admin Center

Manage your Windows Servers on-premises and in Azure with a free browser-based application that manages more than 2.5 million server nodes each month. [Windows Admin Center](#) enables you to easily access Azure management services to perform tasks such as disaster recovery, backup, patching, and monitoring.

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Get started on Azure

